Statement

Details of cases pertaining to Cruelty to animals

Name of the State/ Union Territory	Number of cases pertaining to Cruelty to animals during the years			Number of convictions during the years		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Andhra Pradesh	66	29	71	51 (for 2005)	24 (for 2006)	113 (upto Aug,
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	1	0	0	0
Chhattisgarh	84	51	65	14	15	14
Chandigarh	0	2	1	0	3	0
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	0	1	0	0	1
Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delhi	1389	1572	1826	1389	1570	1838
Goa	10	2	11	8	2	0
Haryana	90	152	255	46	97	185
Himachal Pradesh	21	20	6	8	0	0
Kerala	123	100	79	46	24	19
Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0
Punjab	0	2	1	0	2	1
Pondicherry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tirpura	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uttar Pradesh	1541	1296	1127	4265	3338	3037
Uttarakhand	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Bengal	13918	9078	17092	207	160	178

Electrified wire fencing

450. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a)whether it is a fact that five lions in Gir Forest in Gujarat were recently detected to have been killed due to electrocution caused by electrified wire fencing put up by the villagers;

(b)if so, whether the matter has been investigated; and

(c)if so, the details of the findings and the action taken to ensure that such cases do not recur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the information received from the State Government, five lions in Gir Forests in Gujarat have been killed recently due to electrocution caused by electrified wire fencing put up by the villagers.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The State Government has investigated the matter. Following the investigation, four persons have been arrested and sent to judicial custody. To ensure non-recurrence of such cases, the State Government has taken the following steps:

(1) The peripheral region of Gir and other habitats of lion have been scanned for illegal electric fencing.

(2) Patrolling in the peripheral region has been intensified.

(3) Paschim Gujarat Vij Supply Company has been requested to guard against such illegal use of power and illegal electrified fencing.

(4) Awareness campaign has been intensified in the region to sensitize villagers against wildlife crime.

Illegal cutting of Trees

451. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the business of illegal felling of trees is thriving in the entire country;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take any stringent actions to stop this;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No such report that the business of illegal felling of trees is thriving in the entire country has been received. However incidences of illegal felling of trees do take place and the action is taken against the offenders by respective State/UT Governments as per the existing Acts/Rules.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Genetically engineered crops

452. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of genetically engineered crops approved by the GEAC for the field testing and such crops approved for commercial cultivation;

(b) the crop-wise, area-wise and State-wise details of the GE crops; and

(c) the procedure for approving a GE crop for commercial cultivation after field testing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Bt cotton is the only genetically engineered

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.